

Claims

1. An electronic requisition processing method, comprising the steps:

preparing an electronic requisition form including a proposal for a requisition;

establishing an electronic list of approvers for the requisition; and

at defined times, electronically recalculating the list.

2. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of recalculating the list includes the step of recalculating the list after each of at least some of the approvers act on the proposal for the requisition.

3. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of recalculating the list includes the step of recalculating the list according to a given set of rules.

4. A method according to Claim 1, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of:

after preparing the electronic requisition form, electronically sending the form to an application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending the form to the computer station associated with one of the approvers.

5. A method according to Claim 1, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of:

after preparing the electronic requisition form, electronically sending the form to an application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending notices to the computer stations associated with at least some of the approvers, said notices indicating that the form is available at the server.

6. A method according to Claim 1, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of,

for each of at least some of the approvers,

giving the approver an associated length of time to act on the proposal for the requisition; and

after the associated length of time, electronically sending to the computer station associated with the approver, a reminder notice to act on the proposal for the requisition.

7. An electronic requisition processing system, comprising:

means for preparing an electronic requisition form including a proposal for a requisition;

means for establishing an electronic list of approvers for the requisition; and

means for electronically recalculating the list at defined times.

8. A system according to Claim 7, wherein the means for recalculating the list includes means for recalculating the list after each of at least some of the approvers act on the proposal for the requisition.

9. A system according to Claim 7, wherein the means for recalculating the list includes means for recalculating the list according to a given set of rules.

10. A system according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a plurality of computer stations, each of the approvers being associated with one of the computer stations; and

an application server; and wherein:

the means for preparing the electronic requisition form electronically sends the form to the application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending the form to the computer station associated with one of the approvers.

11. A system according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a plurality of computer stations, wherein each of the approvers is associated with one of the computer stations; and

an application server; and wherein:

the means for preparing the electronic requisition form electronically sends the form to the application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sends notices to the computer stations associated with at least some of the approvers, said notices indicating that the form is available at the server.

12. A system according to Claim 7, further comprising:

a plurality of computer stations, wherein each of the approvers is associated with one of the computer stations; and

an application server, wherein for each of at least some of the approvers, the application server gives the approver an associated length of time to act on the proposal for the requisition; and

after the associated length of time, electronically sends to the computer station associated with the approver, a reminder notice to act on the proposal for the requisition.

13. A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for electronically processing a requisition form, said method steps comprising:

preparing an electronic requisition form including a proposal for a requisition;

establishing an electronic list of approvers for the requisition; and

at defined times, electronically recalculating the list.

14. A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein the step of recalculating the list includes the step of recalculating the list after each of at least some of the approvers act on the proposal for the requisition.

15. A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein the step of recalculating the list includes the step of recalculating the list according to a given set of rules.

16. A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of:

after preparing the electronic requisition form, electronically sending the form to an application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending the form to the computer station associated with one of the approvers.

17. A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of:

after preparing the electronic requisition form, electronically sending the form to an application server; and

after receiving the form, the application server immediately sending notices to the computer stations associated with at least some of the approvers, said notices indicating that the form is available at the server.

18. A program storage device according to Claim 13, wherein each of the approvers is associated with a computer station, and further comprising the steps of,

for each of at least some of the approvers,

giving the approver an associated length of time to act on the proposal for the requisition; and

after the associated length of time, electronically sending to the computer station associated with the approver, a reminder notice to act on the proposal for the requisition.